"Come forth into the light of things" William Wordsworth's Human Challenge to Economic Thinking



Lynn Stuart Parramore, Oct 21, 2017 Adam Smith is "the worst critic, David Hume not excepted, that Scotland, a soil to which this sort of weed seems natural, has produced."

~William Wordsworth, 1815



Town & Country

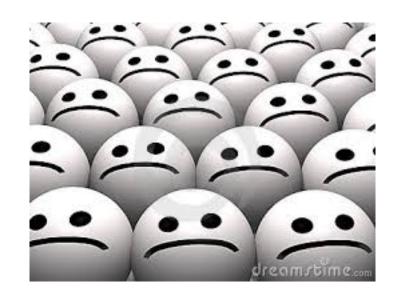
"How we mislead each other"

~Wordsworth, *The Prelude*, 1799-1805, 1850



Hearts & Minds

"Society has parted man from man Neglectful of the universal heart" "Wordsworth, The Prelude, 1799-1805, 1850



The Parts & the Whole

"Our meddling intellect
Mis-shapes the beauteous forms of things
We murder to dissect."

"Wordsworth, "The Tables Turned," 1798

"Science advances with gigantic strides;
But are we aught enriched in love and meekness?"
~Wordsworth, "To the Planet Venus," 1838



The Rich & The Rest

"Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers"

"Wordsworth, "The World is Too Much With Us," 1807

"[England's] floors and soil
Groan underneath a weight of slavish toil,
For the poor Many, measured out by rules
Fetched with cupidity from heartless schools
That to an Idol, falsely called "the Wealth
Of Nations," sacrifice a People's health,
Body and mind and soul;"
"Wordsworth, "Humanity," 1829



Past & Present

"But where will Europe's latter hour Again find Wordsworth's healing power?" "Matthew Arnold, Memorial Verses, 1850

